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concluded by giving a description of the rites and ceremonies used in the worship of Hercules at Gades, intimating that they denoted a purer mode of religious culture than generally obtained in the heathen world.

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June 28.

SIR WM. R. HAMILTON, LL.D., President, in the Chair.

Mr. Mallet read a paper “On a new Method of raising Ships of War out of Water for the Purpose of Repair.”

Although the author conceived that the objects of the Royal Irish Academy were rather to investigate principles than to apply them in detail, still as any application of these, which proposes to add to our naval power, is of importance, and as on a like subject the Royal Society conferred on Sir R. Seppings their highest reward for his application of diagonal framing to ships, he did not deem it altogether out of place to bring his method of raising ships out of water be-